



Kingshill Newsletter



28th February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Term 4 has begun in earnest: Monday began with our Y10 drama students experiencing a fantastic theatre workshop; Tuesday evening our drama studio was transformed into a magical showcase of dance and gymnastic talent from many of our students; Wednesday morning, our Y9 students blew us away with their scientific knowledge in the FameLab finals, whilst a select number of Y10 students hosted our yearly visit from our Japanese students; and today, we have all worn elements of pink (some more than others!) in recognition of our charity 'Women's Aid' and joined in with Lottie P doing the last leg of her February challenge. Only at Kingshill does so much happen beyond the realms of the classroom – it should be noted that amidst all of this, our students have returned with great enthusiasm in the classroom and a special mention must go to our Y11 students who have already begun their GCSE practical exams in cooking this week – with more practical exams next week – we wish you all the very best with your preparations!

Assemblies

This week our assembly focus has been on 'maintaining high standards' with specific reference to uniform and behaviour. Students have been reminded about our rules and regulations and have had the opportunity to see first-hand how small changes in dress code can have a big impact on our overall image, a high thank you to Mrs Norman and Mrs Slade who elegantly demonstrated a variety of different looks!

It has been great to see students looking so smart this week and wearing their uniforms with **Pride**. A big thank you to everyone at home that has helped organise new uniform and equipment to enable this week to be such a success. My only one niggle on this has been holes in girl's tights. We appreciate accidents can occur within the school day which are unavoidable but would encourage all students and parents/carers at home to check they start the day in smart attire. We do now have a small collection of black tights that students can borrow from student reception, should this be a continuing issue.

I look forward to students maintaining high standards as we progress through the term and on into the warmer weather.

Y10 Theatre Workshop

On Monday, 36 Year 10 GCSE students took part in a 3 hour workshop with the Splendid Theatre Company. Splendid are a well known company who have been making innovative theatre for 20 years. At Kingshill we love their style, attitude and ability to turn famous stories on their heads. The students devised, played and took the first step in their Devising Component 1 where they will be adapting Greek Myths.

All students showed exceptional **resilience** and **ambition** and the facilitator commented that they were the best group he had worked with "in ages". He was particularly impressed with their confidence, maturity and **kindness** to each other.

Splendid indeed!

Y10 THEATRE WORKSHOP



Y9 FameLab Academy School Final



Year 9 have been taking part in the Cheltenham Festivals FameLab competition recently during their science lessons. Their challenge was to give a 3-minute talk on a science topic of their choice. They learnt about the "3 C's" - Content, Clarity and Charisma which are all essential to be a great science communicator. Each tutor group presented their talks in class and a winner was selected to go through to the school final on Wednesday this week...and what a final!

We marvelled at magic with Robbie, faced fear with Chris, heard about headaches from

Honey, colour changing chameleons from Lucy and what happens to our bodies after we die with Eliza. But our overall winner was Josie with a fabulous talk on Phobias. Josie will now take part in a science communication masterclass and will go on to represent the school at the Gloucestershire Schools Finals later this month.

Thank you to Mrs Lindley, Mr Stillman and Mr Blamey for judging the competition, which was not an easy task considering the quality of the talks we watched. We are all so very proud of our finalists and also of the whole of Year 9 who were the most **respectful, kind** and **proud** audience.

Well done Year 9!

The Science Faculty

Japanese School Visit

On Wednesday, we welcomed visitors from a school in Japan and had an amazing time together. First of all, we were placed in groups, and took them for a tour around our school. It was really interesting to have conversations about the differences between their school and ours. Next, we learnt about their culture; we were told everything about Carp Streamers, Children's Day, blossom viewing season and all of their traditions. Then, we were shown an amazingly choreographed dance, it was really impressive! And finally, they sang a traditional song to us. Overall, it was a really fantastic experience meeting them.

Poppy S - 10F & Isabelle G - 10E



Evening of Dance and Gymnastics

On Tuesday night, the Drama Studio was packed with 70 parents and honoured guests who enjoyed a spectacular evening of dance and gymnastics. The audience was treated to a full program of performances, including lyrical, disco, ballet, jazz, hip-hop, street, and commercial cheer. Every student showed incredible dedication and hard work in putting together their pieces, and it was fantastic to see their talent and passion shine on stage. The standout moment of the night was a breath-taking gymnastics performance that left everyone in awe and winning first place. The evening also celebrated individual achievements, with awards presented for STEPs character awards, Spirit, Best Choreography, and Most Potential, along with Runner-up awards. The energy in the room was electric, with the crowd clapping and even dancing along to the routines.

The PE team would like to extend a huge thank you to all the Kingshill performers, parents, and staff for their contributions in making the show such a resounding success. It was truly a night to remember!

Mrs. Barton

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Wear it Pink Day

We were delighted to support Lottie in Year 10 in her endeavour to raise money to support national charity Women's Aid who strive to support the victims of domestic violence.

Lottie has now run well over her planned 100km throughout February, and it only seemed right for so many of our school community to support her in the final kilometre, and to see the pink outfits being worn throughout the school! A huge 'well done' and lots of respect to Lottie for all she has done to publicise such a worthwhile cause, and also to her friend Ebonie who spent many hours knitting and crocheting a wonderful range of pink fur balls in a range of animal designs, all of which were sold to support Women's Aid!

Mr J Morland

Assistant Headteacher, Character Development

WEAR IT PINK DAY



Kingshill Students Leading by Example

As you know, we always try to emphasise the importance of students conducting themselves in a positive manner at all times and making positive contributions to society. A group of students has exemplified this by volunteering at Cirencester parkrun since autumn as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award activities. Their commitment and enthusiasm have impressed organisers which Derek Aldridge, Event Director, has shared:

"I have been so impressed by the way they have conducted themselves and represented your school. They have been committed, diligent, and demonstrated real enthusiasm for the tasks despite parkrun requiring them at 8:40am on a Saturday morning! Unlike some teenagers who volunteer with us who may be reluctant to chat, be polite and make eye contact - your cohort have really demonstrated those core life skills."

We congratulate Xavier N, Dougie E, William R, Sam R, Jack R, Joseph T, Charlie H, Ethan B, Zach J, and Oliver for their outstanding contributions and dedication which reflects the values we uphold at Kingshill.

World Book Day - Reminder

We are incredibly excited for World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March** and have a week of events and activities sharing Kingshill's passion for reading. There will be tutor group quizzes, a visiting author, the launch of our annual Readathon, a trip to Octavia's and, of course, our **whole-school fancy dress** on Thursday, with the theme: 'It was a book first!' We are encouraging students (and staff!) to wear book-related costumes on the day, but it will also be a non-uniform day for those not in costume too, with **donations of £1** going to local charity Read for Good. We look forward to reporting on all of this next week!

Parent Form – Register Now!

As a reminder, we invite you to our Parent Forum on **Friday, 21st March, from 9-10:30am**. This is a valuable opportunity to gain deeper insights into key areas of school life and share your thoughts on the House System and Reporting System. Your feedback is essential in helping us create the best possible learning environment for our students.

[Click here](#) to register – we look forward to seeing you there!

Closing Remarks

We're all now departing for a well-deserved rest this weekend especially as it doesn't look like a quiet week next week with World Book Day on the horizon! I'm off to source an outfit...

Mrs Jo Lindley
Headteacher

Returning Week: Week A

Upcoming Events

Monday 3 rd March	Y7 District Football tournament @ H 2-5pm
Tuesday 4 th March	Y7 Octavia's Bookshop 10am
	St Ives Parents Information Evening, Dining Hall @ 4pm
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day – Fancy dress
	Y7 & Y8 Author Visit 10am
Friday 7 th March	Y9 Famelab Masterclass
Tuesday 11 th March	Y8 Football vs Farmors (H) 3-5pm
	Y9 Football vs Farmors @ Farmors 3-5.30pm
Thursday 13 th March	Y10 Football vs Farmors @ Farmors 3-5.30pm
	Y11 Football vs Farmors (H) 3-5pm
Wednesday 19th March	INSET DAY – no school for students
Thursday 20th March	Y9 Options Evening 4pm
Friday 21st March	Parent Forum 9-10.30am
Friday 28 th March	Y11 Mock Interviews
	Y11 Photographs
	Lunchtime concert – Music Room 1.20pm
Thursday 3 rd April	Y9 Woodchester Mansions 9am
Friday 4 th April	Y10 Duke of Edinburgh
Saturday 5 th April	Duke of Edinburgh Practice 9am
Monday 7th April	Parents Information Evening – Munich, Dining Hall, 5.30pm
Tuesday 8 th April	Y10 Duke of Edinburgh
	Y10 Lea Wood 9am
	Parents Information Evening – Iceland Trip, Dining Hall, 5.30pm
Wednesday 9th April	Y11 Targeted Parents' Evening
Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April	Easter Half Term – 2 weeks!

**Please note that for TRIPS, the time listed is the leave time. Please ensure your child is at school at least 15 minutes prior to the leave time.*